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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN TACTICAL PROPOSAL FOR MAY 22-26 UNCTAD

WORKING GROUP ON COPPER

REF: GENEVA 6180

- 1. DURING DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF EMBOFF, AT WHICH CANADIAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ALSO PRESENT, G. MCGREGOR, DIRECTOR, COPPER, COMMODITIES NO. 1 DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND RESOURCES, SPOKE OF TACTIC GOA WILL PROPOSE AT MAY 18-19 MEETING OF COPPER PRODUCERS IN PARIS.
- 2. AUSTRALIA WILL PROPOSE TO PRODUCERS THAT RATHER THAN TABLING CIPEC TEXT AT MAY 22-26 WORKING PARTY MEETING IN GENEVA, PRODUCERS AGREE TO TAKE U.S. TEXT AS STARTING POINT AND WORK TO AMEND IT INTO ACCEPTABLE FORM. MCGREGOR SAID GOA AFRAIN THAT IF CIPEC TEXT (AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERHAPS OTHERS) ARE TABLED, GENEVA MEETING WILL GET BOGGED DOWN IN DETAIL AND AS A RESULT NO FINAL AGREED TEXT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. MCGREGOR SAID AUSTRALIA WILL PROPOSE SOME AMENDMENTS TO U.S. TEXT, SOME OF THEM ALONG LINES OF CERTAIN CIPEC IDEAS AND OTHERS ALONG LINES OF CERTAIN PROPOSALS MADE BY CANADA.

- 4. MCGREGOR SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT PRODUCERS WILL ACCEPT AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL, HE AFRAID PRODUCERS WILL INSIST ON TABLING CIPEC TEXT. HE SAID THAT FROM GOA POINT OF VIEW, CIPEC TEXT TOO ELABORATE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.
- 5. MCGREGOR PROMISED TO INFORM US AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GOA PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED BY PRODUCERS MEETING. GENEVA MAY ALSO WISH TO TOUCH BASE WITH GLENN OF THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION WHO SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW OUTCOME OF PARIS MEETING AT AN EARLY DATE. ALSTON

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